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been blessed amidst ~~the~~ <sup>and involved</sup> tumults which have  
 harrowed other countries; - I leave you with  
 undefiled hands - an uncorrupted heart -  
 and with ardent vows to heaven for the Wel-  
 fare & happiness of that country in which I  
 and my forefathers to the third or fourth  
<sup>progenitor</sup>  
 Ancestry drew our first breath. -

G. Washington

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### President Washington's Farewell Address (1796)

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Washington stated, "The name American, which belongs to you in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism . . ." This, the original manuscript, is entirely in Washington's handwriting. Washington later showed it to Alexander Hamilton with the request that he "redress" it. Using his own draft and the combined suggestions of Alexander Hamilton and John Jay, Washington prepared the version which was ultimately released to the American people.